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DEPARTMENT PASS TRANSPORTATION/NTSB (DREIFUS), BRUSSELS AND
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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PRESS STATEMENT ON INVESTIGATION OF PANAM/
KLM ACCIDENT

REF: DOROUGH-DREIFUS TELCON, MAY 3

1. MADRID NEWSPAPER "ABC" CARRIED MAY 2 WASHINGTON DATELINE REPORT
THAT THE U.S. HAD TERMINATED INVESTIGATION OF PANAM/KLM
TENERIFE ACCIDENT. ARTICLE REPORTEDLY BASED ON STATEMENTS BY
GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, INCLUDING "NORTHAMERICAN AIR SAFETY
OFFICIAL". SPANISH SUBSECRETARY FOR CIVIL AVIATION, GENERAL
MONTEL, CALLED EMBASSY MAY 3 TO POINT OUT INACCURACY OF
REPORT, SINCE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS CONDUCTING OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM US AND OTHERS. MONTEL
ASKED IF CLARIFICATION COULD BE ISSUED BY USG IN VIEW OF
ALLEGED WASHINGTON SOURCES OF REPORT.

2. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH NTSB (DREIFUS) AND WITH
GENERAL MONTEL, EMBASSY ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE MAY 4:
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"WITH REGARD TO STATEMENTS WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS ON
MAY 3 CONCERNING TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE PAN
AMERICAN/KLM ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN TENERIFE, CANARY 9
ISLANDS, ON MARCH 27, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO ISSUE THE
FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION:

IT SHOULD BE NOTED, FIRST, THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

CONTROLS ALL PHASES OF THE INVESTIGATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO). OTHER GOVERNMENTS MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE TECHNICAL FACILITIES FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF THE TAPES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROVIDED USE OF THE LABORATORY AND TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) FOR THIS PURPOSE. READOUT AND TRANSCRIPTION OF THE TAPES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND ALL INFORMATION IS NOW BACK IN MADRID."STABLER

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